



From the Chair

Our main event coming up is the AGM and GP Perspectives dinner next Wednesday the 29th of October from 6pm at the Victoria Park Golf Club.

This will be an opportunity to find out and express your views about what is happening in General Practice and the Primary Health Care Sector. For the main fortunately GPs are left to their own decisions and management as far as patients go but sometimes we have to interact with other systems such as the hospitals, nursing services, aged care, Workcover, Centrelink etc.

As Chair of GPpartners I met with the Mental Health Commissioner Lesley Van Schoubroeck. The Commissioner is very aware of the importance of General Practice and the support GPs need to manage some of the more difficult mental health patients. The evaluation of the Mental Health Nurse Program in General Practice was very positive and the commissioner is interested in considering this in the review of integration of the States Mental Health Services. Input from GPs will be sort after November when the Federal Governments review of Mental Health Services is released.

The Federal Government has announced the boundaries for the Primary Health Networks. Metro North Brisbane PHN has the same boundary as the current Medicare Local and the Hospital and Health Service. I met with Dr Paul

AGM

**6pm,
Wednesday
29th October**

Victoria Park Function
Centre, Herston

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EXTENDED TO
FRI 24 OCT**

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Education Event

**'Behavioural
Problems in
Children'**

**6pm, Thurs
30th October**

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Alexander the Chair of the Metro North Hospital and Health Service. We agreed that GP input is imperative in the planning for integration between Hospital and General Practice. GPpartners as a GP network will be involved in the planning process.

As a GP network we need the input of GPs and the AGM is an opportunity for you to be involved and hear what is happening. It is not too late to RSVP which you can do by [clicking here](#) to register online, email contact@gppartners.com.au or call 0468 357 359. Please register by Friday lunchtime.

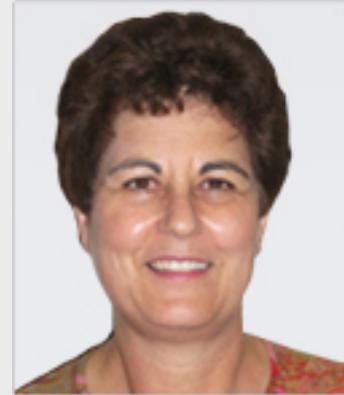
The sad news for many is that the Royal Children's Hospital is closing at the end of November. You will find the details about dates and alternative services in this newsletter.

GPpartners have had a great response to our Children's Behaviour Problems education event on the 30th of October in collaboration with Metro North Medicare Local at "Hillstone" St Lucia. There is still time to RSVP if you would like to go. Other practice staff are welcome to attend. Please see the item below or click the links in the side bar to the right.

Hope to catch up with you at the AGM.

Jayne Ingham
Chair, GPpartners

GPpartners Board Members



Dr Jayne Ingham,
Chair



A/Prof Glynn Kelly



Dr Deborah Sambo



**Paediatric Surgical Services at Redcliffe
Hospital**

Limited paediatric surgical services will commence at Redcliffe Hospital from 17th November. GPs in the Redcliffe area will receive more information shortly.



Dr Henry Bryan

Children's Hospice Information Evening

Queensland's first children's hospice is currently under development at Wesley Mission Brisbane's Wheller Gardens campus at Chermside. Hummingbird House will operate as an 8 bed full time hospice including physician and nursing support, pain and symptom management, both scheduled and emergency respite care and end-of-life care.

Hummingbird House will host an information evening in November 2014 for general practitioners interesting in furthering their skills in paediatric palliative care. The event will provide information on upskilling and training for paediatric palliative care service provision and will also be an opportunity for GPs to express their interest in being involved with Hummingbird House once the facility opens in late 2015. Dr Anthony Herbert, Paediatric Palliative Consultant from the Royal Children's Hospital and Paediatric Palliative Care Service will be our guest speaker for the evening.

Hummingbird House palliative care GP information night

Date: 10th November, 2014

Time: 6pm for 6.30pm start

Venue: The Atrium, Parkview, Wheller Gardens 930 Gympie Rd, Chermside (onsite parking available)

RSVP: 07/10/14 to Kerri-Anne Dooley k.dooley@wmb.org.au or call 0412 130 329

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New Children's Hospital



On the 29th of November, The Lady Cilento Children's Hospital (LCCH) will open and the old Royal Children's and Mater Children's hospitals will close permanently.

LCCH will bring together services and staff from the two original hospitals to form the largest and most advanced paediatric facility in Australia. LCCH is located at 501 Stanley Street, South Brisbane.

Paediatric services in Metro North, delivered at The Prince Charles, Redcliffe and Caboolture hospitals, will continue and in some cases be expanded. LCCH will work closely with these and other hospitals in the greater Brisbane metropolitan region to ensure all children receive the same high standard of care, regardless of where they live.

Services provided at LCCH

Secondary services (general paediatrics)

The LCCH will provide General Paediatric services for children in inner Brisbane. The catchment mirrors that of the Brisbane City Council, with the exception of the following suburbs closer to the Prince Charles Hospital:

Aspley, Bald Hills, Boondall, Bracken Ridge, Bridgeman Downs, Brighton, Carseldine, Chermside, Chermside West, Deagon, Everton Park, Geebung, McDowall, Sandgate, Stafford, Stafford Heights, Taigum-Fitzgibbon, Virginia, Wavell Heights and Zillmere.

Tertiary Services (sub-specialty services)

LCCH will provide tertiary level services to the state. In some situations GPs will be able to refer directly to these sub-specialist services. Pre-referral information and eligibility criteria can be found at www.health.qld.gov.au/childrenshealth

How to refer to LCCH

Detailed referral information including a new e-referral form will be published to www.health.qld.gov.au/childrenshealth ahead of the opening on 29 November 2014.

PLOs will begin visiting practices shortly to upload the new referral forms onto GP software. In the meantime, the old RCH referral forms will continue to be accepted until early next year.

Referrals to the Prince Charles, Redcliffe and Caboolture Hospitals will continue to be made in the way they are now, through Central Patient Intake. More information is available at <http://www.health.qld.gov.au/metronorth/refer>.

Further details on these referrals processes will be published in the December edition of Local Link.

Move day – 29th November 2014

The emergency department at the LCCH will open at 8 am. The Royal Children's and Mater Children's emergency departments will close at the same time.

Metro North Hospital and Health Service emergency departments at the Prince Charles, Redcliffe and Caboolture Hospitals will not be affected. All of these emergency departments will continue to see children, and refer to LCCH as needed.

In an emergency situation, children should be taken to their nearest emergency department.

Understanding Prostate Cancer

Holy Spirit Northside Private Hospital & the Cancer Council Queensland is hosting a useful information session for patients with prostate cancer. Please pass the invitation onto your patients and ask them to rsvp. Partners are welcome and the session is free.

[Click here for the invitation and more details.](#)

Ebolavirus Disease (EVD) - Advice for General Practitioners

With continuing widespread and intense transmission in West Africa, vigilance is needed in Australia.

GPs should be alert to the possibility of Ebola in unwell travellers returning from affected areas of West Africa, and obtain a full travel and exposure history.

Immediately apply appropriate infection control measures and contact your state/territory health authorities urgently to discuss patient transfer to hospital and the management of contacts.

For further information - www.health.gov.au/ebola

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